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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2003-0052006 A1

D2: JP 08315633 A

D3: KR 2003-0050989 A

I. Prior Art

D1 relates to a device for utilizing a non-gel self-assembled nano-feature array molecular sieve for analyzing molecules.

D2 relates to a method for manufacturing a fine conductor in a simple process by accumulating metal or a compound on the surface of a nanotube or a graphite very fine particle in vacuum or in rare gas atmosphere.

D3 relates to a method for separating or filtering a test sample on a biochip using a carbon nanotube.

II. Novelty and Inventive Step

The subject matter of independent claims 1, 9 and 19 relates to a nanowire-assisted method for mass spectrometric analysis of a specimen via desorption/ionization using a laser as an energy source.

None of the documents D1 to D3 disclose a step using a laser and a nanowire spot (or nanowire suspension) for mass spectrometric analysis of a specimen, as set forth in independent claims 1, 9 and 19 and dependent claims 2-8, 10-18 and 20-27. Therefore, claims 1-27 are considered to be novel (Art. 33(2) PCT). In addition, since said teaching of claims 1-27 is not rendered obvious from the prior art, claims 1-27 appear to involve an inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT).

III. Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-27 is considered to be industrially applicable (Art. 33(4) PCT).